

# NEW MEXICO

The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) is the primary form for requesting registration and/or an absentee ballot from your local election official. **Read all instructions printed below and on the FPCA before completing and signing your application.**

**FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION**

# REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST - FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION (FPCA)

APPLICATION FOR STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ CITY OR TOWNSHIP OF \_\_\_\_\_

I REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ALL ELECTIONS IN WHICH I AM ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.

## 1. APPLICANT INFORMATION (See instruction 1.)

a. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ b. SEX \_\_\_\_\_ c. RACE \_\_\_\_\_

d. DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ e. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ f. OTHER IDENTIFICATION NO. (passport, ID card) \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2. I LAST VOTED or PLACE OF LAST REGISTRATION (Do not leave this section blank. See instructions.)

a. YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ b. COUNTY, CITY, OR TOWNSHIP \_\_\_\_\_ c. STATE \_\_\_\_\_ d. VOTER REGISTRATION NO. (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. VOTING RESIDENCE (For military, legal residence. For overseas civilians, last residence in U.S. IF USING RURAL ROUTE, SEE INSTRUCTIONS.)

a. LAST DATE OF RESIDENCY \_\_\_\_\_

b. NUMBER AND STREET (Do not use Post Office Box) \_\_\_\_\_

c. CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE \_\_\_\_\_ d. STATE \_\_\_\_\_

e. COUNTY OR PARISH \_\_\_\_\_ f. ZIP CODE (9 -digit, if known) \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOT TO: (Mailing address where you want the ballot to be sent.)

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## 5. YOUR FAX NUMBER (If this application is faxed, include all international prefixes. See instructions.)

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## 6. POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION (This information is required by most states to send you a ballot for primary elections. See Instructions.)

## 7. REMARKS (Provide additional information which will assist local election officials in determining your eligibility to register and vote. See Instructions.)

## 8. AFFIRMATION BY APPLICANT

X only one: a, b, c or d  
I swear/affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I am: (See Instructions)

a. a member of the Uniformed Services or merchant marine on active duty, or an eligible spouse or dependent.

b. a U.S. citizen temporarily residing outside the U.S.

c. a U.S. citizen overseas by virtue of employment or accompanying spouse or dependent.

d. other U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S.

e. I am a U.S. citizen, eligible to vote in the above jurisdiction, and subscribed to any required state/local oath or statement.

f. I have not been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense or been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or if so, my voting rights have been reinstated.

g. I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S.

h. The information on this form is true and complete.

i. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_ j. DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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## 9. WITNESS/NOTARY ADDRESS AND SIGNATURE

(If required by state law)

DATE SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_

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The information contained herein is for official use only. Any unauthorized release of this information may be punishable by law.

## Application Instructions

Circled letters on the form above correspond to the instructions below. **You must complete all shaded areas.**

**A.** Do not leave blank. Enter “N/A” if not applicable or if you are a first time voter.

**B.** Provide the complete street address of your New Mexico voting residence. A post office box is not sufficient. If your address includes a rural route, describe its location in Item 7. For example: “on Highway \_\_\_\_, 2 miles past Highway \_\_\_\_, across the street from the \_\_\_\_ gas station.” This address must be different from the one provided in Item 4 and must be within the county or township where you claim legal voting residence.

**C.** Print the complete address where you want your ballot sent — usually your current mailing address.

Your current mailing address must be different from the address you provided in Item 3.

**D. If you do not list a party affiliation, you cannot vote in primary elections.** You must indicate your political party affiliation when applying for a primary ballot (Example: Democrat, Republican or Green) or write “none” in Item 6 of the FPCA. Political party affiliation is not required if only requesting absentee ballots for general elections. If you are currently registered and want to change your political party affiliation, you must submit a completed FPCA which indicates your new political party affiliation so that the local election official receives it no later than 28 days before the election in which you wish to vote.

**E.** Check ONE box.

**F.** The applicant must sign and date the FPCA for it to be processed by the local election official.

## I. UNIFORMED SERVICES

### A. Who Can Do It

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of New Mexico and members of the Uniformed Services and their family members. Uniformed Services are defined as the U.S. Armed Forces, merchant marine, commissioned corps of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

### B. When To Do It

You must submit a separate FPCA for each election (for local, state and Federal office ballots).

New Mexico waives your registration.

(1) **To request an absentee ballot**, the local county clerk must receive your FPCA not later than the Thursday before the election.

(2) Return your voted ballot to the local election official so that it arrives before the close of polls on election day.

Local election officials mail ballots approximately 40 days before the primary election, 49 days before the general election, and 35 days before a special election.

If you are outside the U.S. and have not received your state ballot in a timely manner, use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot. See instruction in Chapter 2, page 12.

### C. Oath/Witness Requirements

No registration or voting materials are sworn to or witnessed.

### D. Electronic Transmission of FPCAs and Ballots

New Mexico does not allow electronic transmission of the FPCA, the blank absentee ballot or the voted absentee ballot.

Instructions continue in Section III: Uniformed Services & Civilians Outside U.S.

## II. CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of New Mexico and overseas citizens.

The term “overseas citizen” means a U.S. citizen who resides outside the U.S. and (but for such residence) would be qualified to vote in New Mexico.

### A. Who Can Do It

- New Mexico residents temporarily residing outside the U.S. (for local, state and Federal office ballots)
- overseas citizens (for Federal office ballots only)

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## III. UNIFORMED SERVICES & CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

### A. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons convicted of a felony or other crime or found insane may not vote.

**B. Where To Send It**

Mail the FPCA to the County Clerk, county of voting residence, as listed below:

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Bernalillo	1 Civic Plaza, NW, Albuquerque, NM	87102-2169
Catron	Box 197, Reserve, NM	87830-0197
Chaves	Box 580, Roswell, NM	88202-0580
Cibola	515 W. High, Grants, NM	87020-2526
Colfax	Box 159, Raton, NM	87740-0159
Curry	P.O. Box 1168, Clovis, NM	88102-1168
De Baca	Box 347, Fort Sumner, NM	88119-0347
Dona Ana	251 W. Amador Avenue Las Cruces, NM	88005-2893
Eddy	Box 850, Carlsbad, NM	88221-0850
Grant	Box 898, Silver City, NM	88062-0898
Guadalupe	420 Parker Avenue, Santa Rosa, NM	88435-2361
Harding	Box 1002, Mosquero, NM	87733-1002
Hidalgo	300 S. Shakespeare Street Lordsburg, NM	88045-1939

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Lea	Box 1507, Lovington, NM	88260-1507
Lincoln	Box 338, Carrizozo, NM	88301-0338
Los Alamos	P.O. Box 30, Los Alamos, NM	87544-0030
Luna	P.O. Box 1838, Deming, NM	88031-1838
McKinley	Box 1268, Gallup, NM	87301-1268
Mora	Box 360, Mora, NM	87732-0360
Otero	1000 New York Avenue, Room 108 Alamogordo, NM	88310-6932
Quay	Box 1225, Tucumcari, NM	88401-1225
Rio Arriba	Box 158, Tierra Amarilla, NM	87575-0158
Roosevelt	101 West First Street, Portales, NM	88130-5901
Sandoval	Box 40, Bernalillo, NM	87004-0040
San Juan	Box 550, Aztec, NM	87410-0550
San Miguel	500 West National Ave. Las Vegas, NM	87701-3703
Santa Fe	Box 1985, Santa Fe, NM	87504-1985
Sierra	311 Date Street, Tor C, NM	87901-2398
Socorro	Box 1, Socorro, NM	87801-0001
Taos	Box 676, Taos, NM	87571-0676
Torrance	Box 48, Estancia, NM	87016-0048
Union	Box 430, Clayton, NM	88415-0430
Valencia	Box 969, Los Lunas, NM	87031-0969

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by Rebecca Viola, Silver Spring, Maryland

